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work or application in industry. It is not true, indeed, that the farmer is, in any broad sense, the only producer, though he is in many respects, the chief. All our mechanics and artisans are producers—of the material, it may be, but producers of no new method of doing it. The actual value of flour, for instance, the miller has as positively produced a share, as the farmer. And of the worth of a barrel of it in the market, the teamster has as positively produced a share, as either. And the blazer of a whose improved plough makes more corn with the same labor, does, practically, a part of the farmer's producing for him. Then we say, therefore, that the tiller of the soil, the one who, in the truest sense, the term is only really correct. It can only mean, that, as respects the absolute necessities of life, he is less dependent, than other classes, upon his neighbors. We are all dependent, more or less, upon one another. The farmer, however, is most dependent who produces nothing, but must beg everything he needs. Yet poor, blinded maimon-worshippers have come to such an abuse of language, as to make the farmer the object of derision. Of one who has raked together money until he has quit all business, and depends wholly upon the "almighty dollar" for everything he needs. We must eschew alike this sham independence, whether affected by the rich or the poor. We are here to honor, in labor—in labor in all callings, labor with the hand, the brain, the tongue, the pen. Let us say, then, with the lamented Mrs. Osborn, for instance, let us ever so slowly: "cherish some flowers, let us ever so slowly: all labor is noble and holy?"

Let the farmer, then, and working men generally, *desert*, by word and deed, their true position and dignity, and there will be less manifestation of insolent superiority by others. Let the operative bear himself as the peer of any man he meets, and he will not take the insolent method of judging a man by his apparent estimate of himself, rather than take the trouble to investigate his real worth. No need for the class of men to appear, whether they are farmers or laborers. Let every man himself, and appear according to his circumstances and duties. The coarser, stronger garb of the farmer is as becoming to him as the more delicate raiment of the laborer. Let no man be bronzed and of the other black; let for it to be difficult with either, could be inappropriate and absurd.

Act well your part; there all the honor lies."

But after the best we can do, on all roads, it must not be expected that there will be no differences of feeling and opinion among the different classes, concerning the relative dignity, importance and respectability of their respective callings. Subjects nearest very naturally appear the largest, and every one is somewhat prejudiced in favor of his own position. Further, his own particular surroundings at the same time that a limited acquaintance with the things of others, may cause us to under-estimate them, and, by consequence, relatively to overrate our own. But we are not to be discouraged at this. A more good degree of intelligence, outside of our own immediate sphere, we shall so far do to see its full importance, both in itself, and as respects others. This is true, by the old maxim, that "we can see things more rightly, if we see something of every thing." To this, some benefits and acquisitions should be mutually and amicably interchanged. Labor may be divided into two great divisions, one of which furnishes the things required for the support of the human body, and the wants of the mind. To suit the first to let physical life perish; to omit the second, is to let existence itself degenerate; that of the brute. Neither class, therefore, of these laborers, may disregard the other, and lightly omit to exchange commodities.

We have already considered, to some extent, the varied imbalances of one of these classes to the other, in our comparison of the farmer and country. It might now be said, but failure is not the result. It would do this, however, in all subversion to the general purpose of an address appropriate to the present occasion; and not that we may draw conclusions as to the *dignity of mental labor*, as we were to do. We are to do this, however, in the actual laborer, whose festival this is, if he is aided in gathering benefits from his own he has benefited.

The first respect in which the farmer is in a more enviable all is in reference to the farming itself. It is the most interesting the liveliest interest in anything exposing to make him more successful in his favorite pursuit, and be induced therefore to confide the more readily in the possibility of his own success, from the fact of a brain working neighbor, in reference to the same. But very unfortunately, our general presumption is a dubious one.—Many of our farmers have less confidence in the proximate benefit than in the remote one. They are not so confident in arithmetic, physics, chemistry, law and the other sciences, but cry, "away with your humpbacked farming!" Now I am not going to attempt to justify this honest indignation of the farmer at what he deems an unpertinent and unwelcome intrusion, but I am going to point two thirds of my short life to the farmer, whatever else I failed to learn, I am certain, very satisfactorily, this thing, that the subservience of the good Quaker's "disrespect" to the farmer, is a great blessing. These soldier men," said he, exceeding themselves to take so much as to say others, when if just let alone they will do themselves." Now farmers are the producers of the necessities of life for people. They don't want odd things to come away too rapidly. But observe them as they follow, the book farmer's fashions followed, at greater or less extent, by nearly all. It is just like the tendency of the dress of the farmer, the idea of their dressing square up to nation as anything less than an insult; those same very respectable foggies do the fashions, nevertheless, though it is five to twenty five years behind—the farmer is the only one in the agricultural community. If there is any improved method found out for doing things in their line, they pretty soon hold of it. An extra crop is the reward, wonder," says good farmer (Conant), "so that the farmer is not so much so in that crop of wheat, when the fields lay right side by side. I guess, he is," he because his ground lies to the highest, and that made it hit a better, this season. Be all right, the farmer is the only one in the agricultural community. If there is any improved method found out for doing things in their line, they pretty soon hold of it. 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